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East Side

By P. D.

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Letters

Dear Mr. East:

A friend of mine gave me a copy of your Editorial reprints the other day. After reading it from kever to kever, I'm prompted to sit down and write you a letter.

Before I get any further along, it would probably be in order if I told you that I'm also a Southern boy and not one of them damnyankees. I'm forty years old, a veteran and a member of one of those damn socialistic trade unions.

Without any reservation, I endorse each and every one of your editorials. I think, perhaps, that you have voiced the views of more people of this State than you think. The big difference being that you have the guts to voice it. Your approach, from the humorous side, is without a doubt the better approach. I can only say that we need many more like you.

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Taxation, yes indeed!—

But Representation, What's That?

Last week the First-Class Citizens of Hattiesburg elected a new Mayor. We've known the man for a number of years and respect him. But the election brings to mind certain questions for which we've found no answer.

In the second primary, held last Tuesday, the number of First-Class Citizens to vote numbered 4,099. Approximately 6,500 could have voted.

Our question concerns the Second-Class Citizens, of which there are 12,000 in the city. How many of them voted?

The answer: None. Not a single one.

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The real property value of the Second-Class Citizen runs into several million dollars in Hattiesburg . . . yet they can't vote . . . a right guaranteed by the Constitution of these United States.

The Second-Class Citizens pay taxes. They have the right to die for their Country in time of war. They have the right to spend their money in the store of the First-Class Citizen. Why can't they mark an "X" with a separate but equal pencil?

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Earlier this year I was in New York for a few days and while there I decided to give Editor Barnes a call, one of those Southern Hospitality things which serves no purpose at all except to worry hell out of somebody. He invited me to drop by and see him. A day or so later I went to his office. (At 2:30 P.M. he was still out for lunch . . . a darned good Yankee habit, I'd say.)

I was invited into his office to wait. Naturally, I thumbed through all the manuscripts I found in his office.

Now, and here's the picture, I'm seated in the office of a guy I've never seen in my life. I'm behaving myself, even wearing a necktie, which I hate, my feet were on the floor, not on his desk, and in walks the Senior Editor of Simon and Schuster, Inc. He stands for a few seconds and looks at me. I wait for him to say something, which he did, believe me. Said he: "You're a lazy s.o.b., aren't you?" (Only he spelled it out . . . I counted each sylable.)

And Joe Barnes is much smaller in size than I.

Upon returning my upper plate, I replied, "Yep, I reckon so." Well, why lie about it? It seemed clear he knew whereof he spoke.

Well, after that opening observation by Mr. Barnes, I failed to think of anything to talk about, so I decided to just say good-bye.

Before I got my good-bye said, he wanted to know: "Why the hell do you put out the kind of paper you do?"

"To make money, naturally," said I. At that I think he thought I was a comedian of some sort.

He was, to be sure, polite in his laugh.

"No," he said, "I mean why do you write?"

At that point we began talking about different concepts, completely unrelated. It resulted in a mutual respect for an individual to go off his rocker, if he so wishes. I think that's what we though.

Well, after a thorough misunderstanding I departed, confused as hell, a condition at which I find it not hard to arrive.

After speaking at Dillard in March, I sent a copy of my talk to Mr. Barnes with a note that perhaps he'd find some of his questions answered.

And his letter to me is what prompted me to relate my contact with Joe Barnes. And here I would like to point out that Mr. Barnes is a newspaperman of note,

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This modern day clan is only another step in that direction. In order to stay in the saddle they must have the help of the ignorant white and in order to get his help they have to appeal to his deep seated hates and prejudices.

In order to arouse these hates and prejudices, the school room is confused with the bed room. He is told that the Negro is after the white woman. Truly, if we get out of this mess without blood shed we'll be lucky.

Far too many of our people are letting the demagogues do their thinking for them. Many of them have not yet realized that they don't have anything in common with Jim Eastland or his kind. The day will come, however, when they will realize that their economic welfare is more closely related to that of Eastland's Negro farm hands.

I think also that the industrialization of the South will do much to alleviate the situation. This will, of course, take time. Meanwhile Jim and his crowd will continue to make a mockery of democracy and attempt to outdo Hitler in every respect. In the meantime we must continue to insist that the Negro is a human being, a citizen and a tax payer and as such should have the right to vote. I'm convinced that our problem can only be solved at the ballot box.

"A Mississippian."

Claudy's Column

I'd of wipped in this scoop sooner, but The Piney Woods around these parts of East Texas has been rockin and reeling with the storm thet Granpa Willis has stirred up over a Great Yankee Plot that he's discovered. And I've been drivin him around in

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The ballots are not separate but equal . . . we suggest ballots for the Second-Class Citizens be printed with white ink on black paper.

Perhaps the mayor-elect will take this matter into consideration . . . for as matters now stand we have taxation without representation . . . and there were some folks once who got sore as hell about having that happen to them . . .

Hodding Carter Notes—

Georgia's Expensive Ham

Georgia Senator Herman Talmadge's jackass brays during a television debate recently must have enlightened those watchers who were mystified about why the South is held up for ridicule so often.

Suspender-snapping "Hummun" was so obviously talking solely for the benefit of his Cracker constitutents that his debate partner, Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) became so embarrased at times his blush was apparent even without color TV.

The subject of the debate was the U. S. foreign policy. All four congressmen on the panel agreed the President's proposed budget for foreign spending could be shaved in places without weakening its effectiveness. The two Republicans, Senators Case (R., N. J.) and Mundt (R., S. D.) were contending, of course, that the administration's foreign program has prevented certain key nations from going Communistic. They pointed with well chosen words of logic to the way Diem has, with the help of U. S. aid, pulled Vietnam from the fire of bankruptcy and Communist control and to other nations saved in the past decade by resolute leadership backed by the U. S.

Meanwhile, Talmadge was making it extremely difficult for his debate partner and those members of the audience trying to learn something constructive by inserting bellowed arguments such as, "Yeah, well what about the USIA sending that band leader named Dizzy something or other all over Africa?" (He was politely informed that the USIA did not send Gillespie on the tour. It was the State Department and that the money paid him included salaries for his entire band and entourage.) And, something to the effect of, "Ye mean we're bribing those countries to be on our side? Is that morally right?" (His opponents, again with forced politeness, like they were explaining a simple fact to the village idiot, told him this seemed wiser than resorting to a hot war, which would cost many times more in both money and blood.)

But Herman's magnificent conceit was impregnable as he continued to play to the gallery. The millions of thinking people of the good state of Georgia and throughout the South suffered again the terrific loss of Senator George whose shoes Talmadge thinks he is now filling. But as one newswriter said after Talmadge was elected to replace the retired Senator-statesman, "He can't even shine them."

It will be a great day for South when we stop sending brats to Washington to do a man's job. The constructive efforts being

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Claudy . . .

his pick-up truck while he warned the folks to git ready fer battle. Scarcely had time to watch ma slop the hogs and git the work done around the place I been so busy. Had to leave all the watchin to pa.

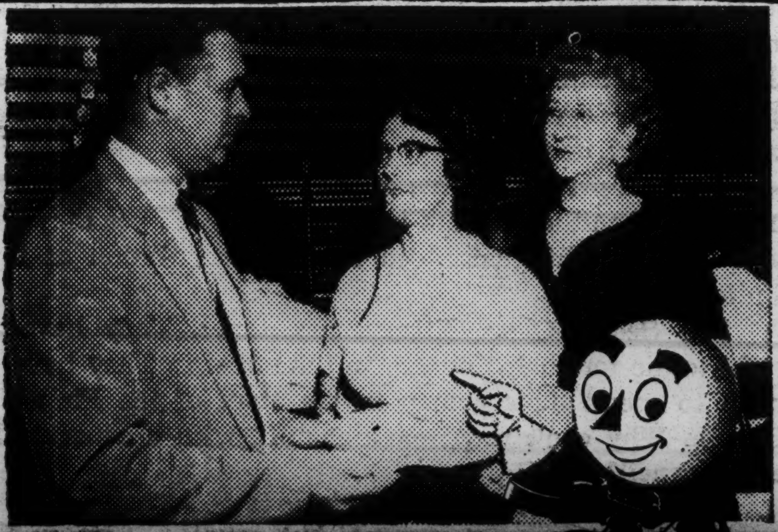
Seems Granpa Willis and the KKK got a secret message that a outfit up in New York thet calls theirselves NBC has put out the statement thet they have perfected 'Color Television' and aim to have it in every Amrricin home in a year or so. Well sir, Granpa Willis says he seen though that Yankee Communistic Un-Christian and Un-Amerikin plot right off. Grandpa said.

"Why its jist the Yankee conspicrators way of destroyin The Southern Way of Life. Stinkin, lyin properganderin mongrelizing devils is plottin to put thet there 'Colored Television' into Christian Southern homes, thet's what theyr'e plottin to do. But they ain't about to git away with it. Me and my KKK boys is too smart fer em. We're agittin the people stirred up and we're gonna git holt of Senator Eastland or one of them other True Heroes of Ameriky in Congress, and fix thet NBC crowds' clock. We're gonna git us a Law through right off thet says clear and plain "NBC, NOR NO OTHER SUBVERSIVE CROWD CAN SEND NO COLORED TELEVISION INTO ANY SOUTHERN HOME WHATEVER WITHOUT IT SEGREGATES IT FIRST." Thet ought to show em thet they can't prank around with The Southern Way of Life."

Claudy

Wheat Crop May Hit 4,200,000 Bushels, Report

Mississippi's 1957 wheat crop would total 4,200,000 bushels . . . more than 11 times the 10-year average, according to the State Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. In addition, the Service estimated farmers will harvest from 150,000 acres this year compared with 18,000 acres last year and the 10-year average of 16,000 acres. The state's peach crop was forecast at 340,000 bushels, compared with the 1956 crop of 447,000 bushels and the 10-year average of 450,000 bushels, which includes the near total failure crop of 1955. On May 1, milk production avraged 10.2 pounds per cow compared with 9.9 pounds on May 1, 1956.



Refinery Unit Operation Set

Boilers of the new Pontiac Eastern Corp. Black Creek refinery will be fired the first week in June and the catalyic cracking unit should be in operation in early July. However, the entire plant will not be functioning before late September or early October. Much testing and checking of equipment remains to be done and there still are many jobs to be filled before the refinery is ready to handle its 14,000 to 15,000 barrels of crude per day.

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In a recent emergency Mrs. Carrie Mae Lewis, Hattiesburg Operator, (center in the photo) acted quickly and possibly saved the life of a subscriber who, going into a convulsion was able only to dial the operator . . . Mrs. Lewis is shown receiving a commendation from W. T. Blacklidge, District Traffic Manager as her Chief Operator, Mrs. Sue Quint looks on.

Two other Mississippians, Mrs. Lillian King, Service Assistant of Clarksdale and Shurley Dillard, Greenwood Line Foreman, received life-saving citations.

Mrs. King sent a doctor to a stricken customer who could only dial the "O" on her telephone; while Mr. Dillard used the life-saving knowledge secured by telephone training to revive a choking year-old tot.

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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
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Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Bill Barlow, Supt. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. by Rev. Justin Garrett, pastor. Baptist Training Union meets at 6:15 p.m. Mid-week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. GA's meet after school on Mondays, and RA's meet before prayer meeting on Wednesdays. Song services are under the direction of O. U. Barlow, Mrs. Jack Fikes, pianist.

Church nursery open at all services.

PETAL METHODIST CHURCH,
MAIN STREET, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., W. C. Mathis, Superintendent.

Rev. J. P. Payne, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WSCS meets at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Choir practice follows prayer meeting.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. B. L. Coulter; Mrs. D. H. Halliwell, Sr., Organist.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The nursery is open at all services.

GREEN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH,
OLD RICHTON ROAD, PETAL

Services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School, Robert Powell, Supt.

Q. C. Barrett, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays . . . following prayer meeting all organizations meet . . . YWA's, GA's, RA's, WMU, Brotherhood, and Sunbeams.

Song services are under the direction of W. C. Rainey, Jr.; pianist is Miss Polly Morgan.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend services. Nursery is open at all services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
CENTRAL AVENUE, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Henry Hardy, Supt.

Rev. W. A. Richardson, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Baptist Training Union meets at 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Ford Parker; Mrs. J. M. Van Devender, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Nursery is open at all services.

PETAL-HARVEY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Services will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Pat Rogers, Supt.

Rev. Sam W. Waggener, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Training Union meets at 6:45 p.m., C. E. Richardson, Director.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 pm. Wednesdays at Richton Road and Harvey Mission prayer meeting is held 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Charles Caulkin; Mrs. W. H. Clearman, Organist, and Mrs. Mazie Nell Smith, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend; the nursery is open at all services.

PETAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAIN STREET, PETAL

Services begin at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School, H. L. Norsworthy, Supt.

Evangelist Howard S. Williams preaches at 11.00 a.m.

Bible Class meets Sunday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Choir practice is held Wednesday nights at 7:30.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. D. L. Priest; pianist is Miss Bernice Norsworthy.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend services each Sunday.

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Synopsis of the Annual Statement of
BROTHERHOOD MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
230 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne — In the State of Indiana
On the 31st day of December, 1956 made to the Commissioner of Insurance
of the State of Mississippi

ASSETS

Bonds	$1,057,081.00	
Stocks	140,570.00	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	2,706,793.03	
Real Estate	109,876.35	
Policy Loans and Notes	160,066.11	
Cash and Bank Deposits	182,171.88	
Uncollected and Deferred Premiums	190,860.63	
Other Assets	35,386.96	
TOTAL ASSETS		$4,582,805.96

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Policy Reserves	$3,425,310.09	
Policy and Contract Claims	69,954.49	
Other Policy and Contract Liabilities	569,525.58	
Accrued Expenses and Taxes	43,000.00	
All Other Liabilities	53,414.81	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$4,161,204.97
Unassigned Surplus	421,600.99	
TOTAL (line 31, page 3)		$4,582,805.96
TOTAL INCREASE IN LEDGER ASSETS (line 15, page 13)		$2,532,664.02
TOTAL DECREASE IN LEDGER ASSETS (line 38, page 13)		$1,685,873.41

BUSINESS IN MISSISSIPPI DURING THE YEAR

Policies written during the year	$ —0—
Policies in force December 31, current year	$ —0—
Premiums collected during the year	$5,837.89
Losses paid during the year	$5,072.83

President — M. M. RUPP Secretary — ARLO GUMP
General Agent for Service — Insurance Commissioner of Mississippi

I, Walter Dell Davis, Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the above named company filed with this Department, showing the condition of said company on the 31st day of December 1956.

WALTER DELL DAVIS Commissioner of Insurance

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Synopsis of the Annual Statement of
THE NATIONAL LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO.
301 Seventh Avenpe North .... Nashville .... in the State of Tennessee
On the 31st day of December, 1956 made to the Commissioner of Insurance
of the State of Mississippi

ASSETS

Bonds	$247,163,034.51	
Stocks	9,319,000.97	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	294,539,655.81	
Real Estate	38,322,120.31	
Policy Loans and Notes	22,778,893.30	
Cash and Bank Deposits	9,671,660.51	
Uncollected and Deferred Premiums	12,103,960.00	
Other Assets	3,603,614.49	
TOTAL ASSETS		$637,501,939.90

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Policy Reserves	$532,204,508.00	
Policy and Contract Claims	2,724,501.16	
Other Policy and Contract Liabilities	4,081,596.71	
Accrued Expenses and Taxes	4,918,477.34	
All Other Liabilities	12,890,239.10	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$556,819,322.31
Capital Paid-up	25,000,000.00	
Unassigned Surplus	55,682,617.59	
TOTAL (line 31, page 3)		$637,501,939.90
TOTAL INCREASE IN LEDGER ASSETS (line 15, page 13)		$155,228,109.28
TOTAL DECREASE IN LEDGER ASSETS (line 38, page 13)		$ 98,043,378.65

BUSINESS IN MISSISSIPPI DURING THE YEAR

Policies written during the year	$ 19,437,059.00
Policies in force December 31, current year	$ 90,976,235.00
Premiums collected during the year	$ 2,792,553.47
Losses paid during the year	$ 1,046,991.34

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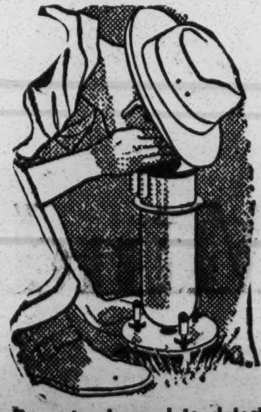

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Information On Social Security

Persons who became totally disabled before age 18 and who are dependent upon a parent wht is entitled tt old-age and survivtrs insurance benefits should contact their local Social Security office.

Under the 1956 Amendments to the Social Security Act, many of these people are eligible for monthly Social Security benefits beginning as early as January, 1957. Qualifications for these payments are that the person be disabled before reaching age 18, be unmarried, and be dependent on a parent or adopting parent who is entitled to old-age and survivors insurance benefits. If the parent or adopting parent die dafter 1939 and was insured for Social Security benefits, payments may be made to the surviving disabled child.

It is not necessary that the child, himself, have work record under the Social Security law. The mother o a disabled son or daughter may qualify for a mother's monthly benefit even though she is not yet age 62, if she has the disabled individual in her care.

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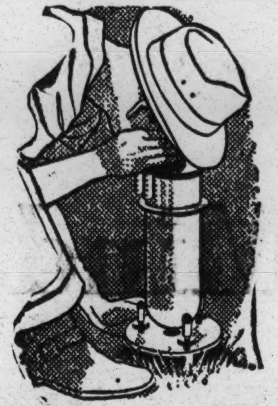

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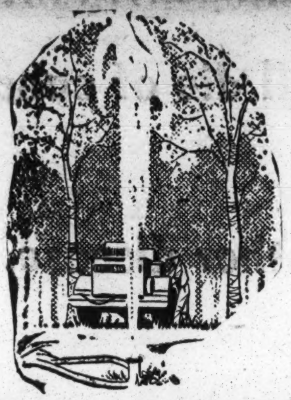
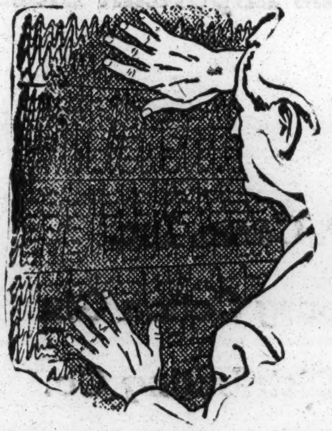
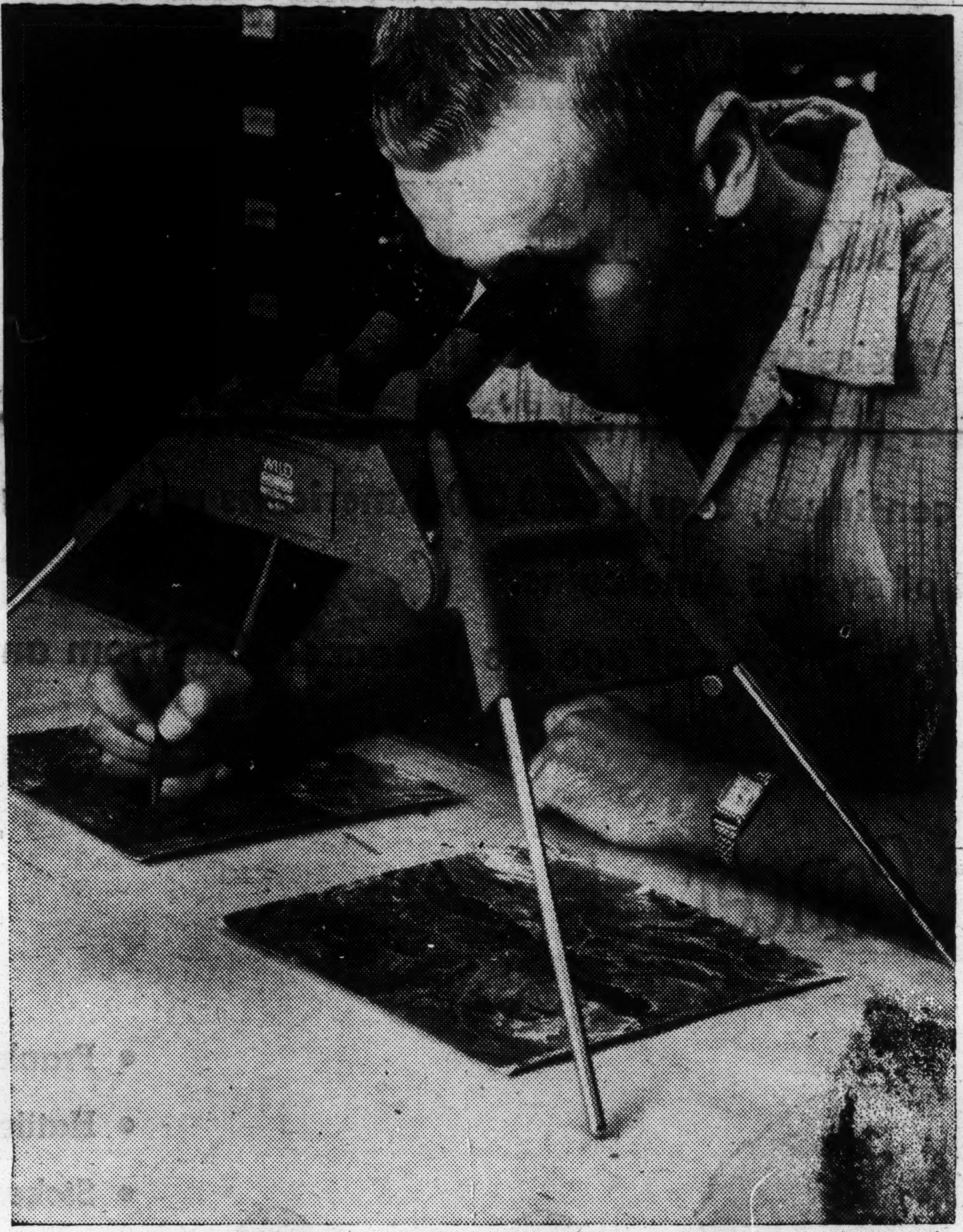


Exploration crew sets off seismic explosion. Shock waves reflected by subsurface strata are measured and recorded.



The resulting seismograms are studied by geophysicists who prepare maps depicting subsurface structures.



Geologist studies aerial photos in search of surface abnormalities which may indicate subsurface structures containing gas or oil.

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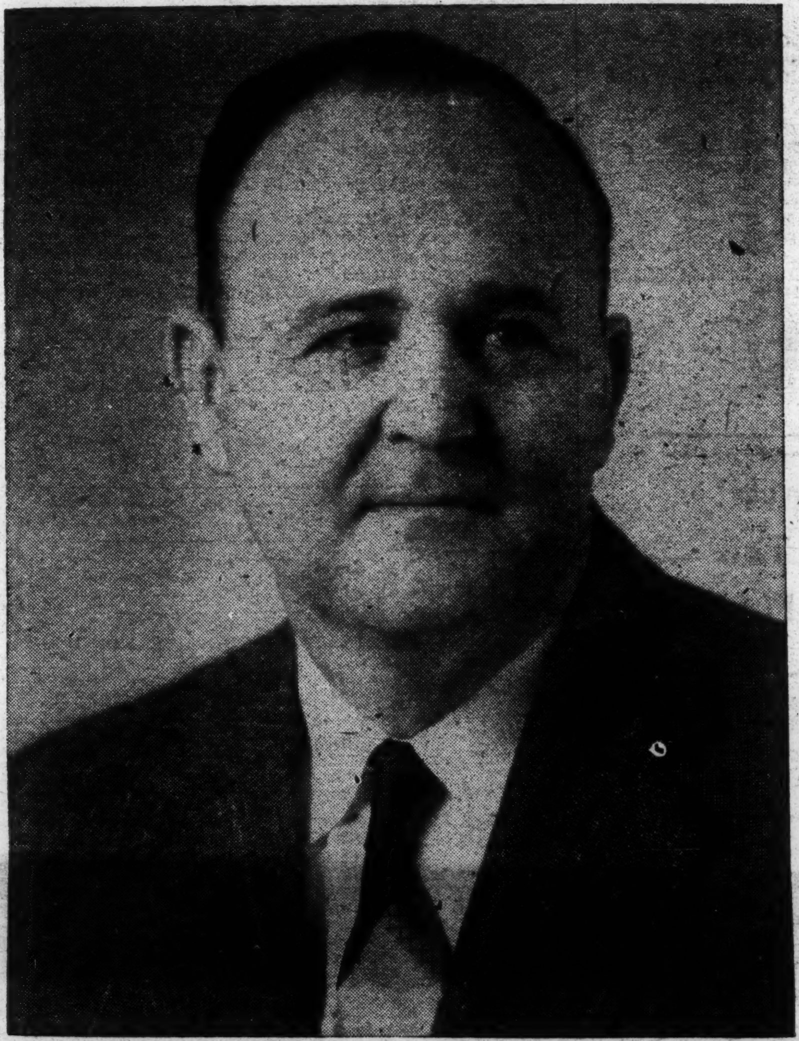

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If the present rate continues, over 23,000,000 Americans now living will die of cancer.

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Ole Miss Given Science Grant

The National Science Foundation announced an $80,000 grant to University of Mississippi to help cover expenses of a summer institute for high school teachers of science and mathematics. The grant was one of 345 totaling $13,853,350 awarded during the quarter ending December 31, for the support of basic research in the sciences, for conferences in support of science, for exchange of scientific information and for training of science teachers.

PRAYS FOR RAIN

Orlo Vista, Fla. — Mrs. Myra Bean believes it pays to pray for rain. Her 12-acre watermelon patch badly needed rain and so Mrs. Bean prayed. She said a shower watered her patch, while not a drop fell on an 11,000-acre melon field surrounding her property but owned by another grower.

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having served as European correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune for a number of years. Later he was Editor of the New York Star.

In part, his letter read as follows:

"Your March 14 paper with its report of your speech in New Orleans is your high water mark to date. This helps to support my flagging confidence in the future of America and in the future of the human race. Both still seem to me touch and go, but as long as a man like you can get out a paper like this and still make speeches, I guess there is some hope.

"I wish there was something a well wishing friend could do beyond repeating that barroom adage: Let's you and him fight.

"And I still hope you will some day write that book."

Well, that's pretty much it. I don't think there's a moral here . . . but Joe Barnes did send a check for a subscription . . . Like I said, there's the damnest guy I've run into lately.

FIRE AND MISCELLANEOUS

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of
NEW AMSTERDAM CASUALTY COMPANY
227 St. Paul Street, Baltimore .... in the State of Maryland

On the 31st day of December, 1956 made to the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Mississippi

ASSETS

Bonds	$68,199,146.72	
Stocks	25,664,471.75	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	103,051.06	
Real Estate Owned	6,227,451.85	
Cash and Bank Deposits	8,759,577.43	
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	8,257,285.29	
Other Assets	3,389,739.62	
TOTAL ASSETS		$120,600,723.72

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	$51,851,815.12	
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	4,835,988.80	
Reserve for Unearned Premium	30,133,599.50	
Reserve For Taxes	1,875,000.00	
All Other Liabilities	1,192,620.01	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$ 89,889,023.43
Special Surplus Funds	$19,711,700.29	
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	1,000,000.00	
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	10,000,000.00	
Surplus as Regards Policyholders		$ 30,711,700.29
TOTAL		$120,600,723.72
TOTAL INCREASE IN LEDGER ASSETS (Line 8, Page 12)		$ 63,112,231.25
TOTAL DECREASE IN LEDGER ASSETS (Line 19, Page 12)		$ 59,224,999.58

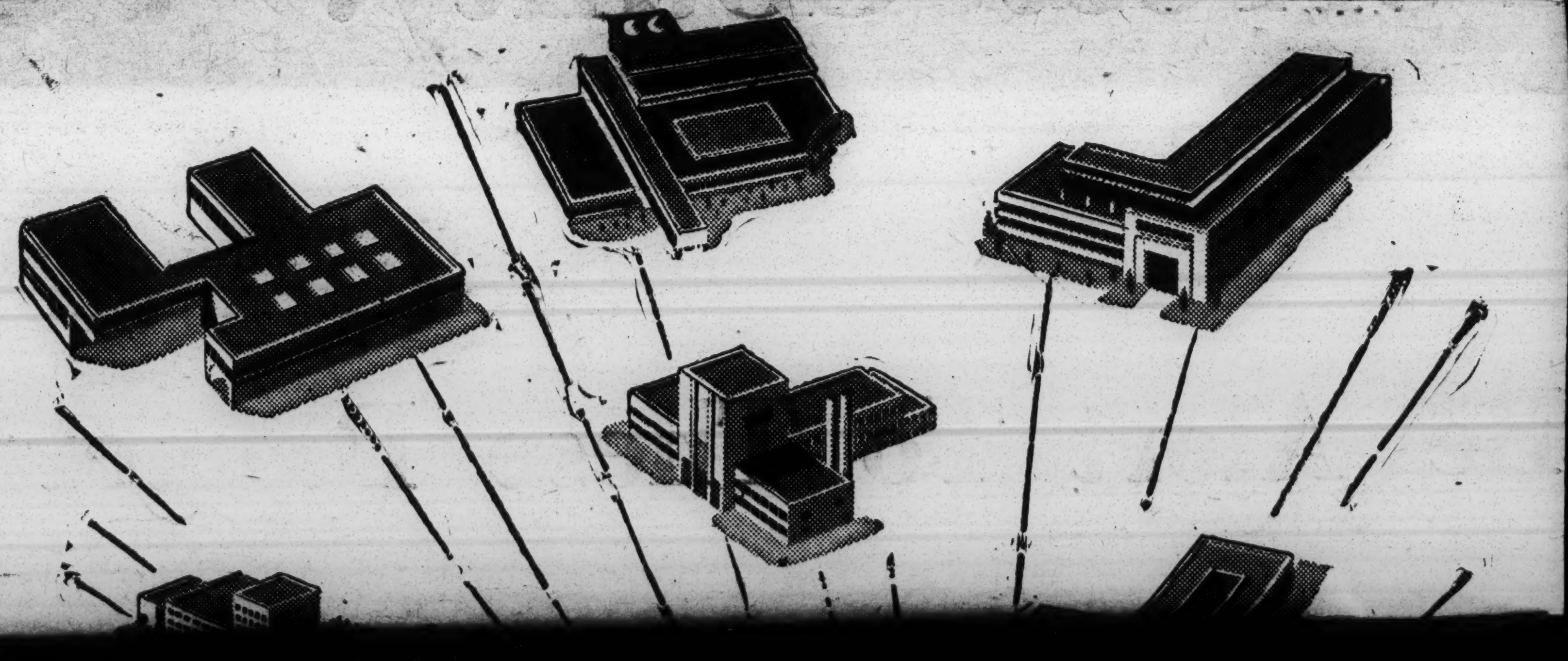
BUSINESS IN MISSISSIPPI DURING THE YEAR

DIRECT PREMIUMS COLLECTED (Col. 1, Page 14) TOTAL	$824,213.45
DIRECT LOSSES PAID (Col. 1, Page 14) Deducting Salvage TOTAL	$722,716.52

President J. D. MAHON Secretary SIFFORD PEARRE
General Agent for Service — Insurance Commissioner of Mississippi

I, Walter Dell Davis, Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the above named company filed with this Department, showing the condition of said company on the 31st day of December 1956.

WALTER DELL DAVIS Commissioner of Insurance



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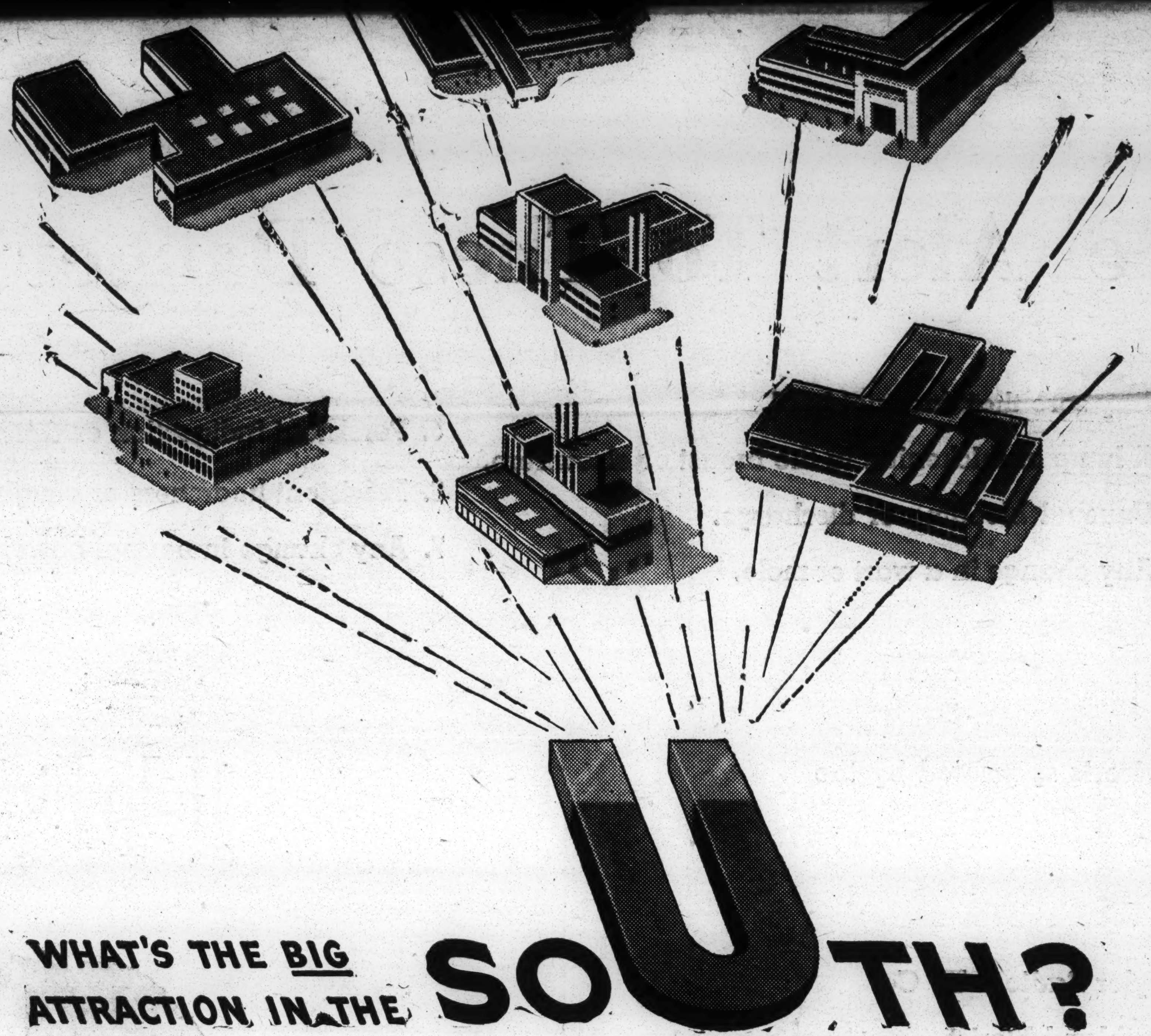

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It's the way the men and women of the community so readily adapt to the specific needs of the "new plant in town" . . . quickly and willingly learning new skills . . . eagerly giving a full day's work in return for a fair day's pay.

It's the friendly, unselfish spirit of men and women in all walks of life who are genuinely proud of their home town and want to help it grow and prosper in every way they can.

Time and again it has been shown that the people of the South don't stop at just *wanting* new industries to locate in their community. They work at it to get them – then go out of their way to keep them happy in their new home. This is the *big* attraction in the South. And all in the Southland benefit!

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Hospitality Month Set For June

A Picayune pretty, a bumper sticker and facsimile bill gave Mississippi communities a running start today for the statewide observance of June as "Hospitality Month" this year.

The Picayune belle is Miss Gaynell Lee, 18-year-old Pearl River Junior College freshman, who was elected Picayune's "Miss Hospitality" in the first local contest in the state.

Meanwhile, the travel department of the state Agricultural and Industrial Board, which sponsors the annual hospitality event, circulated the bill and the bumper sticker to all participating municipalities.

The red and white sticker, which says "Visit Mississippi, The Hospitality State," will soon be setting the keynote message for June from automobile bumpers from the Tennessee line to the Gulf coast.

The bill is a facsimile of a $100 note of the Confederate States of America on one side and an invitation, on the other, to "Spend Happy Vacation Days in Mississippi, The Hospitality State. Come Again."

The green-tinted notes will be handed out to visitors from out of state as a part of the statewide endeavor to acquaint the rest of the nation with Mississippi's tourist advantages.

Ned O'Brien, manager of the A & I Board's travel department, said 84 communities will take part in "Hospitality Month" activities, competing for $1200 in prizes offered towns with the most novel ideas for wooing tourists.

Participating towns have until midnight July 20 to enter the travel promotion contest, and the winners will be announced July 28. Local Miss Hospitalities will compete for the coveted statewide title July 2-6, with the "coronation" July 6 at Biloxi, and the deadline for entering "Miss Hospitality" comptition is July 15th.

Drive-In Telephones Being Tested

Mississippians may soon see another addition to the endless list of drive-in conviences offered the public: A drive-in telephone.

Experimental drive-in telephones already have been installed in Chicago and Mobile, Alabama, on a test basis, according to D. H. Presley, local telephone company manager.

"If public reaction is favorable to the drive-in telephone in these test cities, they will be placed along Mississippi highways leading into cities and on busy intersections," added Presley.

Enclosed in a three-sided plastic translucent hood, the telephone is bolted to a steel post and spotlighted at night, making it easily visible from the road for a half mile in either direction. Also, highway signs call attention to this service.

Mr. Presley pointed out that Chiago and Mobile were selected because of their "complte range of weather conditions."

Read the Classified Ads.

REUNION AFTER HOLDUP

Marion, Ohio—Two former Marines who hadn't seen each other since 1945 recently met under unusual circumstances. R. D. Caldwell, manager of a supermarket here, was robbed of $5,000 and kidnaped by four bandits. They dumped him, bound and gagged into a roadside ditch. Caldwell managed to free himself and hail a passing car. The driver of the car was Alfred Beley.

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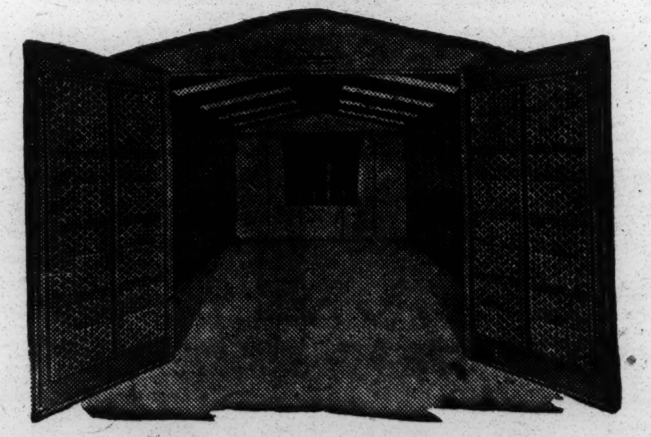

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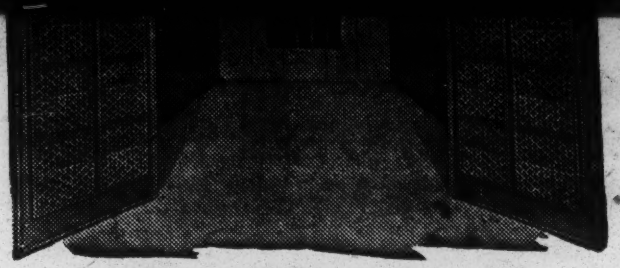

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